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At left and far upper left, Fort Hays State University students, faculty and staff, as well as community members, participate in last year's Oktoberfest activities at Frontier Park in Hays. At far lower left, two Homecoming candidates are presented at last year's Homecoming football game at Lewis Field Stadium.

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OKTOBERFEST/HOMECOMING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

F Sept. 29
R Classes run until 12:20 p.m.
I Oktoberfest: 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
D Frontier Park,
A South Main Street
Y

S Sept. 30
A Homecoming Parade: 10:30 a.m.
T Main Street
U Tiger Friends & Family Picnic: 11:30 a.m.
R East Side of Lewis Field Stadium
D FHSU vs. Central Missouri
A 1 p.m., Pre-Game Ceremonies
Y 2 p.m., Kickoff, Lewis Field Stadium

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EDITORIAL

To beer or not to beer:
Alcohol policy
at odds with
Oktoberfest

Beerfest is almost here, sponsored by Fort Hays State University. Oh, they call it Oktoberest, don't they? And it's not sponsored by Fort Hays State, at least not officially. Sorry about the mis-statement, but it gets a little confusing. Every year, Fort Hays State President Ed Hammond taps the keg to start the Oktoberfest activities. Every year, Fort Hays State student groups and clubs sell food and alcohol at the event to raise funds. Every year, Fort Hays State cancels afternoon classes for the event. Every year, hundreds of Fort Hays State students attend the event in Frontier Park. Every year, many of those same students leave the event and make their way to parties to get even more wasted. But Fort Hays State doesn't sponsor this event, nor do they encourage the abuse of alcohol. They just have a very large presence at what is essentially a giant beerfest that many students attend with the sole intention to get drunk. "FHSU has long since recognized that an academic community is harmed in many ways by the abuse of alcohol," reads a passage from the faculty handbook. "The institutional establishment enforces clear policies that promote an educational environment free from the abuses of alcohol." The policy sounds great. But actions speak louder than words. It is time the university get serious about ending alcohol abuse amongst its students. A good place to start is to tone down its presence at Oktoberfest and leave no doubt the university is against alcohol abuse.

-The Editorial Board

OPINION

Food stamp program needs revision

If there is one thing I have learned working at a grocery store the past few months, it's that the federal food stamp program is badly in need of reform. I don't know about you, but I really don't find it fair that the entire U.S. population has to foot the bill for one-tooth-Willy's addiction to soda pop, chips and candy. I looked up the food stamp program online and found this statement on its official website. "(Food stamps) enables low-income families to buy nutritious food with Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) cards." Keyword -- *nutritious*. What is nutritious about pop, chips and candy? You know, you always here politicians looking to eliminate pork-barrel spending, but maybe they should eliminate this pork rein spending first. It's not like the technology doesn't



Zach
Becker
Editor

exist for supermarkets to restrict the sale of junk foods on EBT cards. Already, a cashier's computer can discriminate between foods that are and are not food stamp eligible. Non-food items, like hairspray and deodorant, are not food stamp eligible, and thus a person using their EBT (food stamp) card must pay for those items with their own money. It wouldn't be difficult to make a change and declare that junk foods are no longer food stamp eligible.

Sure, I've seen plenty of people who use the program responsibly. They buy milk, bread, meat and other essentials. However, I've also seen far too many people come in and buy a bunch of junk food on food stamps, then purchase cigarettes, beer and lottery tickets with their own money. You can't control how people spend their own money, but at least you could make them choose between spending their money on junk food or cigarettes. The taxpayers (aka you) are paying the bill for millions of people to eat unhealthy food. You're most likely also paying the medical costs associated with those poor eating habits. Wouldn't it make sense to kill two birds with one stone? It is time to take junk food off the food stamp program. Email your local representative and tell him/her what you think.

Vote for the right to vote on SGA fee increases



Drew
Thomas
SGA
President

Have you ever looked at your tuition bill, noticed the student fees charged and questioned where your money was going? This is a common reaction of students all across campus each semester. Many then resign themselves to pay the fees without ever having their questions answered. However, the Student Government Association would like to change that and in the process give students greater control over their student fees. One of the most important functions of SGA is to have a hand in regulating student fees. Last spring, we took the step to ensure that your fee dollars are subjected to proper examination by creating the Student Fee Review Committee. This is a process to ensure accountability and responsible maintenance of fees, but this

is not the final step in securing your control of student fees. On Sept. 28 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Memorial Union, students will be given a vote on a monumental SGA constitutional amendment that will impact the future of fee increases on our campus. You will get the opportunity to vote on whether or not students have the right to vote on proposed student fee increases above \$1 per credit hour. Currently, SGA has the authority to raise student fees without taking these increases to a student vote. With the passage of this bal-

lot measure major fee increase will now require *you* -not just a handful of SGA members- to approve these increases. This is also an effort to cast light on the activities of SGA and give you a greater voice on the matters of your campus. These are fees that are paid by you, exist to benefit you and should require your consent before they are dramatically increased. There are no doubt opponents of this measure that contend it will cripple the ability to manage student fees, the belief being that students will vote against any fee increase. But this is not necessarily the case. Students have been given the opportunity to vote on a number of fee increases throughout the years. They have also voted in favor fee increases for the Athletic fee and for the renovation

of the Memorial Union. However, this only occurred after specific action by the Senate. We want to insure that these fee increases are required to gain the support of a majority of the student body anytime they climb \$1 or more. This is your opportunity to have a say before you pay higher student fees. Passage of this amendment will ensure that you are given a greater authority in the approval process. So I ask you to make your voice heard and please cast your ballot in the Special Election that will be held Sept. 28 in the Memorial Union. As always, I encourage any student to contact myself or any other member of the Student Government Association because we are here to serve you. Drew Thomas can be contacted at dathomas@fhsu.edu.

Career Day



BRANDON WORF/THE EDGE
The annual Career Day, sponsored by Career Services, was held Sept. 20 and it drew hundreds of students to meet with potential employers, who set up booths.

NEWS

FHSU celebrates its 'Homecoming Heroes'

Fort Hays State University's Alumni Association will celebrate the University's "Homecoming Heroes" from Sept. 28 to Oct. 1. This year's events includes a golf tournament, a football game, a parade, specialty reunions, banquets, honored classes, exhibitions, a theatre production and a dance. Activities kick off at 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 28, with the Tiger Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament at the Smoky Hill Country Club, 3303 Hall. Homecoming registration in the Memorial Union is from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. beginning Friday. Special events are planned throughout the day: --Campus Tour, 10 a.m., beginning from the Memorial Union. --Oktoberfest, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Frontier Park. --Half-Century Club Social, Induction and Brunch. The social is at 11 a.m. in the Sunset Lounge. --All-Year Football Reunion Coffee and Lewis Field tours, 8 to 9 a.m., meeting on the east side of Lewis Field Stadium. Birthday Celebration, 3 p.m., Dreiling Lobby, Sheridan Hall. --Special viewing of football practice, 4 p.m. --Class Reunion Social and Dinner, 6 to 8 p.m., Black and Gold Room, Memorial Union. --Student Alumni Association Reunion Social and Dinner, 6 to 8 p.m., Cody Commons Room. --Alumni and Endowment Awards Reception and Banquet, beginning with reception at 6 p.m., Fort Hays Ballroom, Memorial Union. The banquet will begin at 7 p.m. --All-Year Football Reunion Social, 7 p.m., Stadium Club, Holiday Inn, 3603 Vine. --Theatre production: "Kiss Me Kate," 8 p.m., Felten-Start Theatre, Malloy Hall. Events on Saturday: --5K Run/Walk, beginning at 8 a.m., the driveway of the President's Home, 7 College Dr. The walk is open to all ages. --All-Year Football Reunion Coffee and Lewis Field tours, 8 to 9 a.m., meeting on the east side of Lewis Field Stadium. --Tiger Breakfast and Lewis Field Club Breakfast, 8:30 a.m., Fort Hays Ballroom, Memorial Union. --Homecoming Parade, 10:30 a.m., downtown Hays, Main Street. --Tiger Friends and Family Picnic, 11:30 a.m. on the east side of Lewis Field Stadium. --K.I.D.S. Reunion Open House, 12:30 p.m., Tiger Tots Nurture Center, Rarick Hall. --Pre-game ceremonies, 1 p.m., Lewis Field Stadium. --Football game, FHSU vs. Central Missouri State University, 2 p.m., Lewis Field Stadium. --"Homecoming Heroes" Post-Game Social, 5:30 p.m., Smoky Hill Country Club. --Homecoming Heroes Party, Banquet and Dance, 7 p.m., Smoky Hill Country Club. --Theatre production: "Kiss Me, Kate," 8 p.m., Felten-Start Theatre, Malloy Hall. On Sunday, Oct. 1, "Kiss Me, Kate" will be performed at 2:30 p.m. in Felten-Start Theatre.

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▼Justice Jive

More prisoners not answer to war on drugs

In the last 15 years, American elected officials have required prisons to engage in a bold get tough experiment.

The historical prison policy--incarceration of violent criminals--has been replaced with a policy of using prisons mainly to punish drug offenders with increasingly severe, mandatory terms in increasingly overcrowded prisons.

The experiment has been a failure. To a growing number of Americans, it is becoming increasingly clear that no matter how many of "the enemy" (Americans who use or sell illegal substances) the American prison system incarcerates, the nation is not even coming close to winning the drug war. It is simply beyond the capability of the American military-industrial-law enforcement complex to subdue and control millions of determined people who do not want to be subdued, even if the control is for their own health, safety and well-being.

Current federal mandatory minimums for drug offenses require five years in prison without parole for possession of more than 5 grams of crack cocaine and for any role in the distribution of any of the following: 500 grams of powder cocaine, 100 grams of heroin, 1 gram of lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD), 100 kilograms of marijuana, or 100 marijuana plants.

A 10-year mandatory minimum (again with no parole) is required for any role in the distribution of 50 grams of crack cocaine, 5 kilograms of powder cocaine, 1 kilogram of heroin, 10 grams of LSD and 1,000 kilograms (or 1,000 plants) of marijuana. The sentences are doubled if the offender has had any previous drug felony conviction, no matter how minor (such as for marijuana possession) or how remote in time.

The combination of mandatory minimums and sentencing guidelines results in severe sentences



Martha J. Jones
Justice Studies

for first-time drug offenders.

In 1990, 88.9 percent of all drug offenders in federal court who had no prior conviction for any offense were sentenced to prison.

The percentage of first-time drug offenders sent to prison was higher than the percentage of first-time violent criminals sent to prison (79.4 percent).

The drastic increase of the combined state and federal prison population between 1974 and 2002 is mainly the result not of demographics, but of policy changes. The relative impact of the increase in time served may

grow larger in coming years, as the 10- and 20-year mandatory sentences enacted in the 1980s have reached their full impact.

There are no signs of the prison surge's abating. State prison populations are up 63 percent in just the last four years.

Prison critics used to note that the United States incarcerated a larger percentage of its population than any nation except the USSR and South Africa. That statistic is no longer true.

The number of state and federal prisoners per 100,000 population tripled in the last two decades, and the United States now leads the world in the percentage of its population it keeps behind bars.

About 72 percent of federal prisoners are drug offenders, according to the Bureau of Prisons. In 1981, only 22 percent of federal prisoners were drug prisoners.

Two periods in American history have seen explosive growth in

the federal prison population and federal funding of prisons. One period is the present. The other such period was the era of alcohol prohibition, during which the federal prison population more than quadrupled; by 1930-31, 68 percent of incoming prisoners were alcohol law violators.

Clearly, drug prohibition has no more saved America from drugs than alcohol prohibition saved America from alcohol.

As prison crowding worsens, many public officials are embracing alternatives to incarceration, such as electronic home monitoring, medical intervention, boot camps, and intensive supervised probation.

The most effective reform would be to return prisons to their primary mission of incapacitating violent criminals.

By examining some alternatives to incarceration, prison overcrowding could become a thing of the past.

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▼ SGA

Students to vote on fee increase referendums

Robert Cummins
News Editor

This week, students will have an opportunity to vote for an amendment to the SGA constitution requiring that every increase in student fees of \$1 or more would be up for vote by all on campus students before it could be approved.

The vote will take place on Sept. 28, in the Memorial Union.

According to SGA President Drew Thomas, there is only currently one line about student fees in the SGA constitution, and it does not require any form of referendum from the student body.

“What we are doing is adding language to the Constitution so that \$1 per credit hour increases in student fees must be voted on by all on campus students,” Thomas said. “I’ve seen most other schools do this: seek student input before large fee increases.”

Thomas also said that voting for student fee increases is not something new to Fort Hays State University.

Last year, students had the opportunity to vote on an increase in student fees for the Memorial Union renovation project. “This just formalizes the process,” Thomas said.

While running for the position of SGA president, Thomas had made student fee regulation a main issue.

Thomas said his first step in regulating student fees was to create the Student Fee Review Committee. “Their job is to look at how much money is spent and on what,” he said.

Although student fees don’t currently have to be formalized by a popular vote of on-campus students, any amendment to the SGA constitution does.

“It’s required by our constitution,” said

Thomas. “Any time we make amendments it has to be taken for student referendum.”

Students will be given the opportunity to vote at the Memorial Union on the student fee amendment, but in the future, students may be able to vote for SGA elections or student fee increases by paper ballot or on-line using their Tiger Tracks account.

Thomas will be attending meetings this week to work on possible security concerns before electronic voting goes live.

In recent elections, voter turn out had been low.

Thomas said he feels optimistic this time will be different as the outcome directly affects student pocket books.

Thomas said that one previous issue that has hampered voting - part-time student not being allowed to vote - has been taken care of and, as of this semester, all on campus part time students will be able to

vote in these elections.

“(The student vote on fee increase) becomes effective the semester after it passes,” Thomas said. “So if it passes now, it would be active in the spring.”

“Will it pass? I would hope so,” Thomas said. “All it does is give students more rights.”

Thomas said that the only opposition he has heard for the amendment is that students will vote against any fee increase so they will not have to pay additional fees.

“It’s nothing new for us,” Thomas said. Fort Hays State students have voted for fee increases in the past and recently voted to approve the athletic fee, the student activity fee, and the Union renovation fee increase.

In most cases, according to Thomas, student fee increases are permanent, unless they have a sunset clause included.

state of Kansas.

Dennis King, director of the Virtual College and Learning Technologies, noted that President Hammond allocated more money so that the Virtual College could add about 10 new courses, which led to the increased enrollment.

The Virtual College does not produce courses. Rather, it uses the Internet and other media to deliver courses from Fort Hays State’s College of Arts and Sciences, College of Business and Leadership, College of Education and Technology, and College of Health and Life Sciences.

The president pointed out that the university is serving students at only its four original partner universities in China, deliberately postponing the enrollment of students at some new partner universities in both China and Turkey.

“We very carefully control our growth, especially overseas, to ensure that we are able to maintain our high academic standards,” he explained. “Our first priority is to be responsive to the educational needs of Kansans.”

Recently released statistics from the Board of Regents show that Fort Hays State has been the growth leader over the past five years of the reporting period. From 2000 to fall 2005, Fort Hays State had an enrollment growth of 63.8 percent. During that same five-year period, Emporia State University saw an increase of 12.0 percent, Kansas State University grew by 5.7 percent, the University of Kansas increased by 3.9 percent, Pittsburg State University grew by 3.3 percent, and Wichita State University actually saw an enrollment decrease of 5.0 percent.

President Hammond thanked faculty and staff for their hard work in managing the university’s record growth over the past several years. “We depend on our faculty and support staff for our high level of academic rigor,” he said.

Musical season gearing up on campus

Plans for the 2006-2007 musical season at Fort Hays State University are even bigger and more elaborate than for the 2005-2006 year, according to Matt Means, interim chair of the Department of Music.

Last year’s season had 33 percent more performances and events than ever before, he said.

“Patrons of the Music Department can expect to see events both familiar and new,” Means said.

“Familiar events” include first-class recitals by internationally acclaimed faculty: Kay Werth, instructor, woodwinds; Dr. Kristin Pisano, instructor, clarinet; Means, violin; Ben Morris-Cline, instructor, cello; Dr. Paula Boire, professor, voice; Joe Perniciaro, instructor, voice; Brad Dawson, assistant professor, trumpet; and Dr. Tali Morgulis, instructor, piano. Special guest artist recitals will be added as the year progresses.

Tickets for faculty recitals will be \$6 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens and free for Fort Hays State students with their Tiger Cards. Ensembles will continue to offer a di-

versity of music. The choral program, headed by Terry Crull, instructor, will offer two concerts this year, as will Fort Hays State University bands, led by Dr. Jeff Jordan, assistant professor, and Gary Brattin, assistant professor. The jazz program, led by Dawson, will also perform in the concerts. Tickets for these performances will be \$6 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens and free for students with their Tiger Cards.

A special Department of Music tradition, the annual holiday Cathedral Concert at Victoria’s St. Fidelis Church, will include two performances this year, both on Dec. 10. Admission is free to the public,

The Hays Symphony Orchestra, under Jordan, will offer four concerts and a children’s concert. The November HSO concert will showcase three finalists in the Hays Symphony Orchestra Young Artists Competition. The first Hays Symphony Orchestra concert of the 2006 academic year will be on Oct. 15.

Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens. FHSU students get in free with their Tiger Cards.

The opera studies program, led by Per-

niciaro, will build upon the success of last year’s production, “Dido and Aeneas,” with a January performance. Tickets for adults are \$10 and \$5 for senior citizens. This year’s opera is yet to be named.

In addition, opera scenes will be performed in the Performing Arts GALA on Feb. 3, 2007. GALA is produced in conjunction with the American Democracy Project. Admission is \$10.

A new group at Fort Hays State, Spectrum, will give two concerts this year, one in November and the another in May. Spectrum, inspired and led by Dr. Tim Crowley, professor of music, is an ensemble dedicated solely to contemporary music. Tickets for adults are \$6, senior citizen tickets are \$4 and students get in free with their Tiger Cards.

The department’s many small ensembles, ranging from saxophone quartets to a chamber orchestra, will be showcased in two small ensembles concerts. Admission for these two performances will be \$6 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens and free for students with their Tiger Cards.

The fall musical, produced with the De-

partment of Communication Studies, will involve FHSU musicians in a performance of “Kiss Me, Kate” during Homecoming, Sept. 29-30 and Oct. 1-8. Tickets will be \$10 for the public and \$8 for FHSU students.

The course of the academic year also includes student degree recitals, which are free. The public is encouraged to come at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday afternoons to Palmer Hall in Malloy Hall. These recitals begin Thursday September 21 and will continue on every Thursday thereafter until the end of the semester.

“They feature students performing in a smorgasbord fashion, usually with five to 10 different students performing at each recital,” said Means. “It is a great way to witness our students’ talent free of charge and in a format that offers great diversity.”

Tickets for any of the events hosted by the Department of Music can be purchased at the ticket booth in Malloy Hall. Season tickets can be purchased for \$125 in Malloy Hall, room 137.

The concert schedule is on the Web site at www.fhsu.edu/music

▼ Alumni Achievement Award

Alumni achievements to be honored at Homecoming

Five alumni of Fort Hays State University will be honored with the Alumni Achievement Award and two with the Young Alumni Award during Homecoming celebrations Sept. 28 to Sept. 30.

Recipients of the Alumni Achievement Award are as follows:

Michael F. Artman, a 1974 graduate who is professor and head of the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Iowa and physician-in-chief of Children’s Hospital of Iowa, Iowa City.

Sandra K. Cesario, 1985, doctoral program coordinator for the College of Nursing at Texas Woman’s University, Houston.

Martyn W.C. Howgill, 1970, executive director of the Institute for Health Technology Studies, Washington, D.C.

Linda J. Kennedy, 1992 and 1994, director of the Audubon Appleton-Whittell Research Ranch, Elgin, Ariz..

Stephen D. Tebo, 1967, owner of Tebo Development Co., Boulder, Colo.

Young Alumni Award winners are as follows:

Christina M. Ricke, 1994, a member of Kennedy and Coe, LLC, Wichita.

Terry J. Siek, 1991 and 2002, chief nursing officer at Hays Medical Center.

The awards will be presented at the Alumni and Endowment Awards Reception and Banquet Friday, Sept. 29. The Alumni Achievement Award recognizes outstanding, unselfish contributions in service to community, state or nation, both as citizens in their chosen careers and through philanthropy.

The Young Alumni Award recognizes 10- through 15-year graduates for professional and educational achievement, community activities, honors and awards or other accomplishments since graduation.

The Fort Hays State Alumni Association, established in 1916, is dedicated to identifying and serving the needs of more than 39,000 graduates living throughout the United States and in 61 foreign countries.

Fall enrollment reaches 9,122

Fort Hays State University, which has been the growth leader for the past several years among universities in the Kansas Board of Regents system, set another all-time enrollment record with a 20th-day count of 9,122 students for the fall 2006 semester.

That surpasses the 20th-day enrollment of 9,019 students for the fall 2005 semester by 103 students, or 1.1 percent.

The 20th day of classes, which was Monday for Fort Hays State, is the official enrollment day observed by the Regents for each of its six universities because it affords a standard basis for comparison.

Even more remarkable, the 20th day count this semester was the first time that Fort Hays State actually had more students enrolled in its Virtual College than on its Hays campus.

The Virtual College enrollment -- students who do not take any on-campus classes -- was 4,620 on the 20th day, an increase of 135 above the 20th day enrollment of 4,485 in the fall 2005 semester.

The on-campus 20th-day enrollment this semester was 4,502, down 32 students from the fall 2005 20th-day enrollment.

“We are approaching our goal of 5,000 students on campus and 5,000 students in the Virtual College. For the first time, we have more virtual students than on-campus students,” said Ed Hammond, Fort Hays State president. “This trend for more Kansans to take Virtual College classes reflects the national trend in which new technology allows people to access higher education in a way that supports their lifestyle. They don’t want to give up employment but they do want to pursue a college degree. Our Virtual College allows them to do both.”

Interestingly, the Virtual College enrollment for students at Fort Hays State’s partner universities in China remained relatively stable, with the growth occurring in domestic students, especially within the

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Music of Ray Charles comes to Hays

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Featuring a live on-stage orchestra, stunning dancers and six amazing singers, *I Can’t Stop Loving You* takes audiences on a musical review of Ray Charles life and music. This non-stop celebration embraces the diversity of Ray Charles’ musical genres. From rhythm and blues to gospel and country, from soul to rock and roll, from jazz to big band, Ray Charles’s music has influenced generations of artists and styles throughout his 50-year career.

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Gary Lloyd (*Director/Choreographer*) has worked with many established artists including Dame Shirley Bassey, Pink, G4, Robbie Williams and Kelly Clarksho. TV: “I Dream” (BBC), Simon Cowell’s “X-Factor.” He has directed and choreographed areana tours including “American Idols Live” US Tours Seasons 1-3 and “Pop Idol” UK Tour 2004. Other credits include *Oh! What A Night*; *Zorro the Musical*; *Jesus Christ Superstar* (Scandinavian tour), the original US and UK productions of *I Can’t Stop Loving You* – *The Music of Ray Charles*; *Spirit of Christmas* (Kodak Theatre); *What A Feeling!* (2006 UK tour); *My Fair Lady* (Lamace International Festival). Garys most

Students to protest Roe v. Wade in D.C.

Robert Cummins
News Editor

Every year, on the anniversary of the infamous court decision Roe v. Wade, a demonstration is held in Washington D.C. called the March of Life.

This year, Fort Hays State University students will have the opportunity to attend the demonstration by accompanying a local diocese of the Catholic Church.

Lindsey Schaefer a youth group member who is organizing students interested in going, said the event gets bigger every year.

“Last year, I know they showed it on TV and the streets were lined,” Schaefer said. “Basically, we are trying to get Rowe v. Wade appealed – to make abortion illegal.”

Rowe v. Wade is the landmark US Supreme Court decision establishing that laws against abortion violate a constitutional right to privacy, thus overturning all state laws outlawing or restricting abortion found inconsistent with the decision.

This will be the 34th annual march..

“It’s our way to show our government that we don’t support the decision and we want it appealed,” Schaefer said.

The march will take place January 22, 2007. Schaefer and other Fort Hays State students interested in participating will carpool to Salina and then board buses bound for Washington, DC. They are expected to return later that week, according to Schaefer.

The Catholic diocese in Salina has arranged for two buses to take people to the event. While one is currently filled, the other is nearly

empty right now.

“We’re going to try to get as many people as we can to go,” Schaefer said. “If 300 more people sign up to go, then we will be talking to the bus company again. It’s a huge event.”

The rally will include a march that will take place near the White House and will include several guest speakers. Last year, President George W. Bush even spoke to the crowd, according to Schaefer.

Other past speakers include the parents of the late Terri Schiavo and Dr. Alveda King, the niece of the late Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

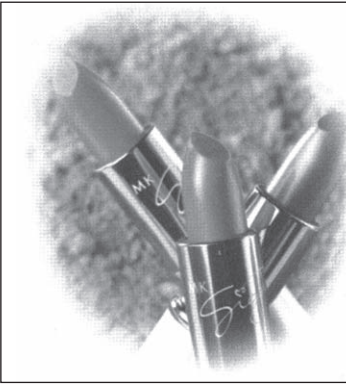
Schaefer said more will be done on campus in the future to get students involved. On Oct. 1, a life chain will be formed by Fort Hays State students and members of the campus diocese to protest abortion.

“Basically, it will be a pro life rally,” Schaefer said. The protest will be held along the fence by the cemetery on Vine Street.

“It’s the cemetery. We are remembering all the people that have died, and it is the best setting for it,” Schaefer said.

Schaefer and other pro life activists will also be on campus later this year to promote their cause. They also plan to hold fundraiser activities at this year’s Oktoberfest.

Students that wish to participate in the March for Life are encouraged to contact Schaefer before Oct. 6. She can be contacted at lrschaefer@scatcat.fhsu.edu. The cost for the trip is \$260 round trip and is expected to last five days.



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Tiger Tots Nurtury, K.I.D.S. celebrate 25 years of service

In 1981, a group of Fort Hays State University education majors created an organization to raise awareness of children and to enhance their education. They called themselves Kappa Iota Delta Sigma, K.I.D.S. for short, and shortly afterward, they decided to help out students who were also parents.

This year, the Tiger Tots Nurtury Center and K.I.D.S will celebrate their 25th anniversaries during Homecoming. They will have a float in the Homecoming parade, and the center will hold an open house from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, in Rarick Hall room 109 for all former K.I.D.S.

Those first K.I.D.S and the faculty in the College of Education and Technology saw a number of students who, because of conflicts, were forced to bring their children to class or miss class altogether, suggesting a growing need on the campus for reasonably priced, convenient child care. The solution was to combine child care and a hands-on learning experience.

K.I.D.S members made 50 hand-made sock puppets, known as the Sockettes, and sold them, adding the proceeds to \$4,500 allocated by the Student Senate and \$5,000 donated by the Education Department. On Aug. 25, 1981, the center opened under the name Pooh Corners, but a copyright claim from Walt Disney forced a name change to Tiger Tots Nurtury Center.

The center has stayed true to its goals, taking a learning center approach to promote the social, physical, intellectual and emotional growth of each child. The center provides child care to FHSU faculty and students with children ages 30 months to six years while also providing opportunities for college students to gain hands-on experience.

For more information on the center, contact Natalie Unruh, director of Tiger Tots Nurtury Center, at (785) 628-4101 or nunruh@fhsu.edu.

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Far right, C.J. Lovett returns a kick-off for a touchdown against Colorado School of Mines. Right, Charlie Carr works on defense against Emporia State. Below, Tyler Manwarren makes a tackle after a Tiger punt against Emporia State.



Tiger quarterback injured in loss to Ichabods

**Cole Reif
Sports Editor**
The nationally-ranked Washburn Ichabods proved to be too much to handle as they surpassed the Fort Hays State Tigers' football team Saturday night 37-7. While battling a steady wind rolling through Lewis Field Stadium, the Tigers lost starting quarterback Shane Jackson in the second quarter due to injury. Drew Dallas, the sophomore back-up from Salina, filled in for Jackson for the remainder of the game. "We're very fortunate that Shane probably came out of it with a grade-one concussion and should be able to work his way back in," Fort Hays State University head football coach Kevin Verdugo said in his post-game interview on Tiger Radio Mix 103. "I thought Drew Dallas came in to tonight and did an

admirable job. (He) did a very good job out there on the field handling himself and took quite a few shots himself." After allowing No. 22 Washburn to score 17-unanswered points, the Tigers made things interesting with their sole scoring possession in the second quarter. Facing a fourth and eight and what appeared to be a punting situation for the Tigers, sophomore punter Tyler Elder took the low snap and ran the fake for 25 yards, keeping the Tigers' drive alive. "He got a low snap. He didn't feel like he had time to get it off, so he pulled it down and took off knowing that was the block side and they were coming for the block in front of him," Verdugo said. The Tigers capitalized on the fake as junior Jordan Hickel punched in a 1-yard touchdown run, cutting the deficit to 10 going into halftime.

The second half was all Washburn as they tacked on three more touchdowns to finish Fort Hays State off. One the Tigers' biggest concerns on the night was their inability to convert on third downs. They went 1-for-17 on the evening while allowing the Ichabods to get heavy pressure on the quarterback. "Third down is extremely frustrating right now. Just knowing if we can get five of those tonight that makes a huge difference in this ball game," Verdugo commented on his team's third down woes. "We can't continue to let people stack the box. We've got to find a way to protect. We had too much penetration tonight and then we need to find a way to get open." Fort Hays State continues to use the two-back system as junior Anthony Melton picked up 44 yards on the ground while Hickel chipped in 42 yards and one

touchdown. Dallas finished the night with 49 yards on four of twenty passing. The Tiger head coach, whose team fell to 0-4 on the season, knows trying to establish a winning attitude in an organization is tough but definitely worth the struggle. "The price of learning how to win is a high one, and it takes a lot of blood, sweat, and tears along the way to get there, but once you're able to reach that peak you won't let that feeling go." The Tigers move on to next week as they are hosting Central Missouri State for Homecoming. These two teams have only played each other twice, both of which Fort Hays State won, with the last meeting going all the way back to 1965. The Tigers and the Mules (2-2) are set for a 2 p.m. kickoff.



▼Volleyball

Tigers notch second win, defeat Southwest Baptist

**Cole Reif
Sports Editor**
The Tigers scratched out the Bearcats Friday night as they won their second match on the year in four games, 30-24, 23-30, 30-21 and finally 30-26.

Fort Hays State University volleyball had a dramatic comeback in the very first game to overtake Southwest Baptist University to determine the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association's bottom dweller. Friday evening's match started out in familiar fashion as the Tigers trailed 21-11 in game number one, but the Tigers pulled things together to rattle off the next eleven points to jump ahead of the Bearcats 22-21. The two teams exchanged blows until at 25-24, Fort Hays State finished the game off by scoring the last five points to win game one. The Tigers slipped up by losing the second game but regained their balance to seize the final two games and their second match of the season. Freshman setter Sarah Mueller, now averaging 9.54 assists per game, recorded a career-high 52 assists in

the match. Neeley Remmers, Leanna Roberts, Whitney Miller and Sarah Schinstock all had double-digit numbers in kills. They racked up 17, 15, 11, and 10 respectively. With that win, the Tigers received the task of unenviable task of facing the No. 10-ranked team in the nation, Central Missouri State, the following afternoon. The national power proved to be too much for Fort Hays State on Saturday, as they dropped all three games 30-21, 30-23, and 30-17. The Tigers showed signs of life in the second game, actually leading 22-18. The Jennies then called timeout to regroup and take twelve of the next thirteen points to claim game two. Central Missouri State cruised by the Tigers in game three to seal the victory. Fort Hays State (2-17, 1-5) has one more home match before their five-match road trip. The Tigers host Bethany College Wednesday night at 7 p.m. at Gross Memorial Coliseum. Fort Hays State has won the last seven matches against Bethany.

Tennis finishes fall season

**Cole Reif
Sports Editor**
Four Tigers competed in the ITA Regional in Topeka this past weekend for their final tennis match this fall. MaryAnne Talbott reached the sweet sixteen as she opened Friday's contest with a pair of wins against Allie Gardner from Washburn University and Lacey Luina from Emporia State University. Saturday was not as kind to Talbott, who ran into No. 4-seed Jolee Cook of Southwest Baptist University. The Tiger senior from Marquette won the first set, 6-2, but allowed Cook to take back the second set, 6-3, and finally the third set in a tie-breaker, 10-4.

Junior Kris Martin dropped her opening match to Julie Huyberechts of Washburn in two straight sets, 6-0 and 6-2. After inheriting a first-

round bye in the consolation bracket, Topeka-native Martin fell to Veronica Castillo of Northwest Missouri State. Sophomores Brette Baldwin and Hollie Caras also faltered in their first-round match-ups of singles action. The two paired up, though, to reach the quarterfinals of the doubles' championship bracket before getting ousted by the top-seeded duo of Natalie Villaflor and Luina from Emporia State by a score of 8-4. The combination of Talbott and Martin made easy work of Nebraska-Kearney in the first round, topping the Lopers, 8-4. The Tiger team struggled in the following round as they were eliminated by Mesa State College, 8-4. Fort Hays State has over five months to get ready for their spring season which does not start until March 3 in Hastings, Nebr.

'Sportsmanship' rules not good for football

You are the five-foot-nothing freshman running back finally getting a chance to play in your high school's homecoming game Friday night as your team busted out to a 45-0 lead. Here is your chance to impress the coaches, parents, fans and even your teammates. It's a chance to show them that you can play.

Playing back-up to the back-up's back-up, you receive the handoff from the quarterback in hopes of merely eating the remainder of the clock up. All of a sudden, there's a hole that just busts wide open between the right guard and tackle. You burst through the gap and take it to the outside where your wide receiver has just flattened the opposing team's third-string cornerback to the ground. Just forty yards of open field lie between you and the endzone, a feat you never thought conceivable as a freshman. As you race down the sideline, you notice your coach dashing along the sideline with you yelling, "Get down! Don't score! Fall down!" "What?!"

Sounds crazy, but this might be the case in the state of Connecticut. The Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference, which presides over high school sports in the state, proposed a rule back in May to suspend coaches who win by more than 50 points. Head coaches will have to sit out the next game if they manage to defeat their opponents by more than 50 points. Bridgeport Central High School's head coach, Dave Cadelina, might be the first guinea pig as his team routed Bassick 56-0 last Friday in their season opener. The CIAC implemented this rule in hopes of eliminating the humiliation faced by players on the losing team when an opposing coach decides to run up the score in a blowout game. Wow! Last time I checked, high school sports were about competitiveness, too. Kids are going out there learning about teamwork, but they are also there to compete. How does a coach properly continue doing his job when he has to worry about scoring too much? I guarantee that scoring too many point ever came up in the scouting report for the game plan. It is also not fair to the junior varsity



Cole Reif
Sports Editor

or freshman kids that finally get a chance to play in a varsity game. Those kids practiced just as hard as anyone else throughout the week for their opportunity. Not only that, it almost becomes counter intuitive for kids to play in those types of blowout situations. "Let's see. Based on what I experienced on the field; I should not tackle this guy and let them score to cut the deficit under 50." These are not the fundamentals a coach wants to pass down to his future starters. I completely understand being mad if a coach refuses to take out the starters in order to rack up the points on the scoreboard, but if your second and third string players are still able to muster out some offense, then let them go at it. Obviously, you should not see any type of pass play while approaching the 50-point platform, but one should not discipline a team that merely wants the victory more and is willing to battle it out to the end. I think the more appropriate approach to take at this issue would have to stem from the continuous clock rule. Many states have adopted this rule allowing the clock to continue to run in the second half if one team is up by 35 points or more. The CIAC became worried with the continuous clock rule because of its lack of time to allow back-ups play. Seriously? What good is experience when you are told not to score? "Gather up, bring it in. Okay guys, get out there and line up in victory formation in the third quarter and take that kneel down. This is what we practiced for. Let's go!" Connecticut might be the home of ESPN and host to some great college basketball teams, but if they pass this new "mercy rule," they'll definitely come down a few notches in my book as far as the best states for athletic competition. Shoot, if this rule held up around the rest of the nation, then Ulysses' head coach, Jason Kenny, should be suspended a game and a half for trashing Thomas Moore Prep-Marian last Friday, 75-0. Well, Connecticut, I wish you the best and I salute your efforts to maintain good sportsmanship.

